

REMARKS

The Office Action dated December 14, 2004 and the Miscellaneous Office Action dated February 09, 2005 have been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendments made in response thereto. Reconsideration of the grounds of objection is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the remarks herein.

Claims 1-9 are pending in this application. Claims 3-7 and 9 have been amended.

Applicant asserts that no objection or rejection was made with respect to claims 1, 2 and 8, but the Office Action Summary box 7 indicates that these claims are object to. Furthermore, the Detailed Action does not address objections to Claims 1, 2 and 8. Applicants assume that Claims 1, 2 and 8 were inadvertently included in this section and, therefore, will not be addressed at this time.

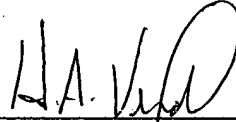
With respect to Claim 9, Applicants assert that there is no antecedent basis problem with the "values within a preslected range" portion of the claim cited by the Examiner. In order to advance prosecution, Applicants have amended Claim 9 to more clearly define the invention. Applicant asserts that the scope of Claim 9 has not been broaden, but only has been amended to state explicitly that which is implied from Claims 1 and 4 from which Claim 9 depends.

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 1-9 have allowable subject matter. Applicants assert that the above amendments to the claims have placed the application in condition for allowance and, therefore, requests the timely allowance of Claims 1-9 at this time.

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Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1 and replaces the original sheet including Fig. 1. In Figure 1, black boxes 1-8 and 11-16 have been amended by removing the reference numerals from inside the boxes, replacing the reference numerals with text identifying each box and adding a reference numerals to identify each box, as shown in red in the attached annotated marked-up drawing.

Attachments: Replacement sheet for Fig. 1

Annotated Marked-up Sheet of Fig. 1.

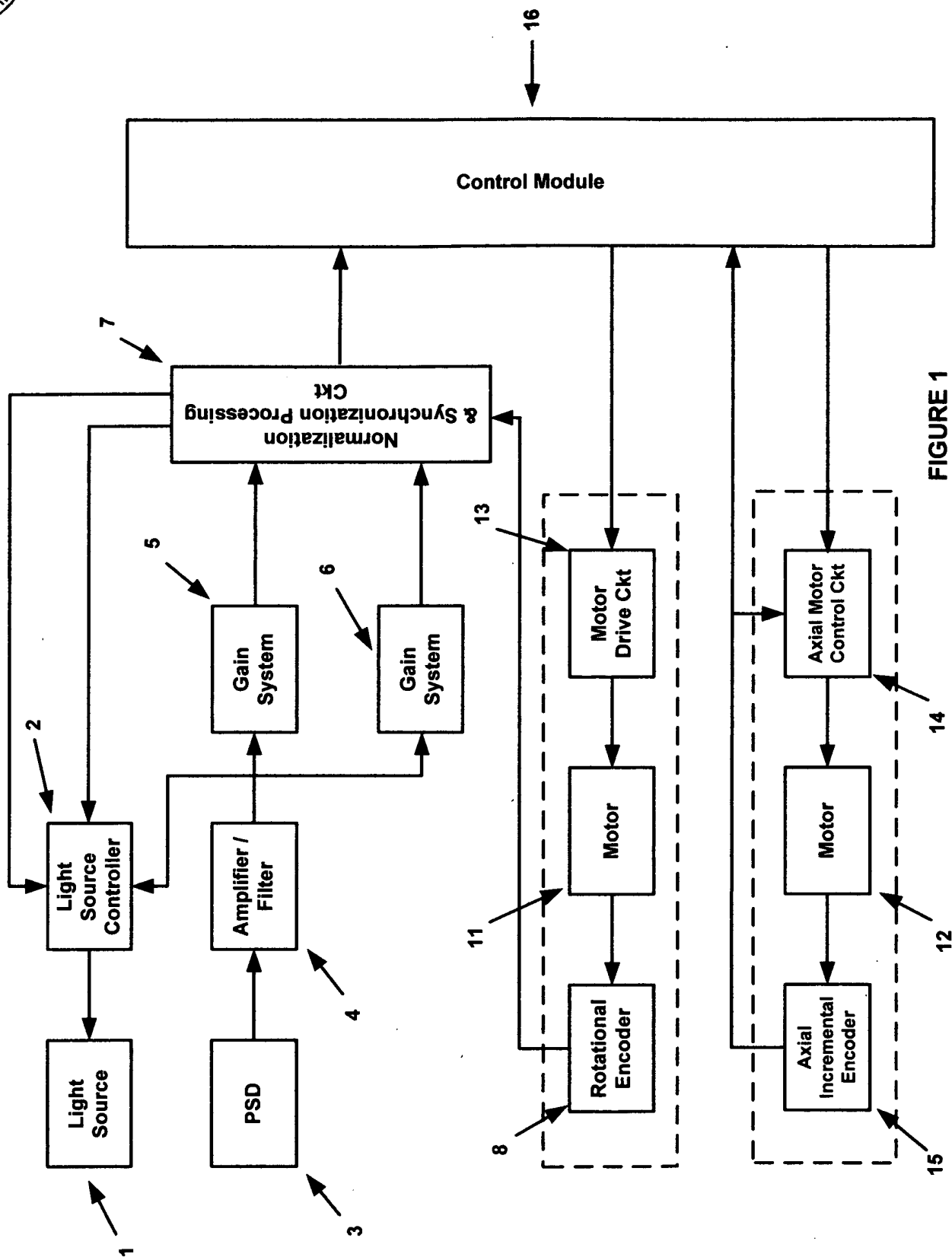


FIGURE 1